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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENERGY AGREEMENT: EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT REVIEW  
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REF: (A) STATE 135129, (B) STATE 156277, (C) STATE 161338,

1. DURING JUNE 29-JULY 2 EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAL REVIEW,  
SOVIETS AGREED THAT PROJECTS FOR ENERGY INFORMATION AND FORECASTING,  
COAL, OIL, AND GAS SHOULD BE APPROVED BY EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN  
JOINT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WITHOUT WAITING FOR NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE  
MEETING. ON BEING INFORMED THAT US EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HAD NO NEW  
INSTRUCTIONS ON TIMING OF JC MEETING, MAKSIMOV OF POWER MINISTRY  
SAID POSTPONEMENT MEANT "SOME COLLING BUT WE'RE TRYING TO  
COOPERATE."

2. MAKSIMOV EVALUATED PROGRESS IN MHD AS VERY GOOD AND SUPERCONDUCTING

TRANSMISSION AS ON THE WAY WITH EXPECTATION OF GOOD RESULTS. ROOT  
IS HANDCARRYING MUCH MATERIAL FOR BELANGER. LEVITOV COMMENTS  
ON ITEM 4F OF DRAFT REFRIGERATOR LOAN CONTRACT NOT YET READY BUT  
PROMISED "BEFORE AUGUST".

3. MAKSIMOV DESCRIBED OTHER POWER PROJECTS AS ONLY VISITING  
AND GETTING ACQUAINTED SO FAR AND SAID IT WOULD BE MORE  
USEFUL JOINTLY TO DEVELOP, DESIGN, OR CONSTRUCT AN EXPERIMENTAL  
INSTALLATION FOR "SOMETHING." HE CALLED PROGRESS IN UHV  
TRANSMISSION AND THERMAL POWER PLANTS SATISFACTORY AND THOUGHT  
MEANS COULD BE FOUND FOR JOINT UHV DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE BOTH SIDES  
WORKING ON OVER 1 MILLION VOLTS. HE REFERRED TO VISIT TO USSR  
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OF GENRAL GAVIN AS REPRESENTATIVE OF SEVERAL NY FIRMS. ROOT

RESPONDED THAT COOPERATION UNDER AGREEMENT NOT WELL SUITED TO  
AREAS WHICH HAVE ALREADY REACHED STAGE OF COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION.

4. MAKSIMOV SAID SOVIETS ALSO HAD NO NEW GEOTHERMAL INITIATIVE TO  
MAKE. WE SHOULDN'T EXPECT ALL PROJECTS TO MOVE WITH SAME  
EFFICIENCY. IN TIME, BENEFICIAL COOPERATION COULD BE DEVELOPED.

5. HE SAID SOVIETS WERE WORKING TO MAKE US SEPTEMBER VISIT TO  
USSR ON SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC TOPIC PRODUCTIVE (SPECIFIC DATES,  
PROGRAM AND ITINERARY PROMISED IN TWO WEEKS).

6. SEE SEPTELS ON COAL, OIL, GAS, VISIT OF GAZLI, OIL AND GAS  
POLLUTION, AND HYDROPOWER.

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